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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As members of the Georgia General Assembly, we are writing to you today to express our opposition to the Federal Communication Commission's proposal to reclassify broadband Internet as a telecommunication service under Title II of the communications Act of 1934.

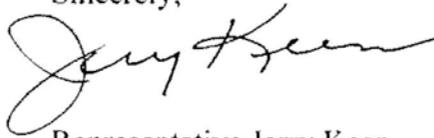
In the last 20 years, we have experienced a virtual communications revolution. Broadband has changed the way Georgian's communicate with each other and that change has brought new connections and new technologies to areas that previously were limited by geographic boundaries. Broadband has also been, and continues to be, a driver for jobs and economic growth in our state.

This revolution and growth of broadband technologies was largely made possible because both the state and the federal governments (including the FCC) enacted policies providing an environment that encouraged competition and investment by the private-sector. This investment in technology is critical in keeping America – and Georgia – on the forefront of innovation. According to the FCC, 96 percent of Georgians have access to DSL where telephone service is available – the highest of any state in the country. It's critical that we continue to promote policies that further this success.

However, we feel the FCC's recent proposal to move the internet under Title II regulation would take a dramatic step in the wrong direction with unknown and potentially negative consequences. Now is not the time to place burdensome regulations on broadband technologies that could limit its growth and deter much-needed investment.

As state legislators, we respectfully urge you to thoroughly consider the harmful impacts that subjecting the Internet to archaic telephone regulations could have on our state and its economy. Instead we ask you to consider options that will promote investment and innovation which will lead to more jobs, economic growth and increase the accessibility of broadband.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Keen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerry" being more prominent than the last name "Keen".

Representative Jerry Keen
House Majority Leader

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